



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 6, 2014**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Greg Smith, Chair  
Sherry Cherry  
Wayne Cook

Daryl Horton, Vice Chair  
Nelson Linder

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joe Barnes  
Melodye Foust

Shannon Jones

**CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Commissioner Smith.

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Steve Swanson addressed the Commission concerning the implementation of the Imagine Austin Plan. Mr. Swanson is particularly concerned about Priority Program #3 which is concerned with education and workforce development.

**THERE MAY BE DISCUSSION ON ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**2. Approval of the minutes from the July 9, 2014 Regular Meeting**

The minutes stand as presented.

**3. Presentation: Overview of services provided by the Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce (Natalie Cofield, President and Ashton Cumberbatch, Board Chair)**

Without objection this item was postponed to the September meeting.

**4. Discussion and Possible Action: Recommendation to the City Council to provide multi-year funding in the amount of \$350,000 per year to Cardea and the Texas Black Women's Initiative-Austin for HIV/AIDS prevention and education**

**A motion to approve the Recommendation to the City Council for funding for Cardea and the Texas Black Women's Initiative-Austin with an amendment to the title to include "EMERGENCY" was made by Commissioner Smith; seconded by Commissioner Cherry. Vote 5-0 with Commissioners Eugene and Gillard absent.**

**5. Approval of the number of individuals to be honored annually with a tile on the mural or benches at the African American Cultural & Heritage Facility**

Without objection this item was postponed to the September meeting.

**6. Updates from Working Groups**

**a. Small Business/Parking Issues on E. 11<sup>th</sup> & E. 12<sup>th</sup> Streets**

No report

**b. Photograph Selection for Mural**

No report

**c. Health and Mental Health**

No report

**d. Public Safety**

No report

**7. Set agenda items for future meetings, including non-substantive housekeeping matters (such as meeting dates, potential topics, and information and research requests for staff)**

Items 3 and 5 above will be brought forward to the September agenda. The Commissioners would also like a presentation from the Black Contractor's Association. For October, there will possibly be a presentation on Section 8 vouchers and a presentation from Austin Transportation Department and Capital Metro on urban rail alignment.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.